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REMARKS

Claims 7-11 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Turning now to the art rejections, Claims 7-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hill; and Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Hill in view of Sowell.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Hill does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including the SPI being further configured to communicate with DMA module and the bus interface for providing cycle stealing.

Applicants agree with the Examiner as evidence by page 4 of the Office Action that Hill does not disclose the SPI for providing cycle stealing.

It is respectfully submitted that Sowell does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including the SPI being further configured to communicate with the DMA module and the bus interface for providing cycle stealing.

The Examiner's attention is directed to column 3, lines 5-10 of Sowell.

Here, Sowell discloses that the direct memory access DMA provides a fast means for retrieving and placing data that is required for the HDLC block. The DMA is generally used in a "cycle stealing mode" which provides an efficient means of data movement.

Sowell or any prior art reference applied by the Examiner does not disclose a SPA having cycle stealing.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 7-11 are patentable over the applied references.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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